Focus

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Morton Grove Public Library

A Weave of Winter Programs

with days to celebrate, days to honor and days to remember.

Martin Luther King's Birthday will be observed at the Library on Jan. 17 with two videos highlighting the civil rights leader's life. We'll remember former Presidents of the United States on Feb. 19 with a President's Day program of ***Video Portraits of American Presidents***. Back by popular demand, Donna and Max Daniels will present ***An Evening with Mr. & Mrs. Lincoln*** on Sun. Feb. 6. Visit with the Lincolns as they prepare to leave for Ford's Theatre. February is Black History Month: come see the Library's Baxter Room exhibit of African-American Art, courtesy of Special Things Gallery in Evanston. Explore African-American heritage with two videos on Feb. 5, ***We Shall Overcome: The Song That Moved a Nation*** and ***Up From Slavery***, a docudrama on Booker T. Washington.

Visit Mr. & Mrs. Lincoln on February 6.

Sunday Concerts & Conversations

Guitarist Lee Murdock performs January 30.

Experience the taste of the sea and the roots of American maritime culture with Lee Murdock's ***Great Lakes and Maritime Musical Repertoire***, Sun. Jan. 30. Murdock entwines storytelling, song and history in a web of music evoking the beauty and danger of our inland seas. Travel to Canada as the Toronto Symphony, and native drummers, dancers and fiddlers of the Canadian Arctic perform together in the video ***Music in the Midnight Sun*** (54 min.) Let Harry Belafonte transport you to Zimbabwe for a calypso concert in the video ***Global Carnival*** (60 min.) **Classical Guitarist** Brian Tornsian will perform for the Library's concert series on Jan. 16. In February, B.B. King narrates a documentary about blues music, ***Good Mornin' Blues***, (60 min.) which includes music from over a dozen different blues artists. Slovenian and Irish music will be featured in two *In the Tradition* videos. Enjoy ***The Chicago Slovene Button Box Club*** (28 min.) and ***Johnny McGreevy and Pat Cloonan*** (52 min.) concerts taped at the David Adler Cultural Center. Jim Kendros will profile the ***Music of the Bach Family*** on Feb. 20.

Authors & Readers Together

Meet **George Roeder**, Chair, Undergraduate Division at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and author of ***The Censored War: American Visual Experience During World War II.*** By examining news photographs, movies, newsreels, posters and advertisements, Roeder explores the ways visual images were used to manipulate the public's perception of the war. The book includes many previously unpublished photographs from the army's censored files and will be available for purchase at the program, **Wed. Jan. 19, 7:00pm.** Don't miss Morton Grove's own **Barbara Todd** presenting a dramatic reading of **Erma Bombeck's** new book ***A Marriage Made in Heaven: or Too Tired for an Affair,*** **Sat. Jan. 15, 2:00pm**. Our February author is yet to be determined.

Learn how to start a business in your home. See Inside!

MGPL Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 9 - 9
Friday 9 - 6
Saturday 9 - 5
Sunday (Sept.-May) 1 - 5

Mark your calendar!

All programs are free of charge and open to everyone.

Calendar Summary

January

1/1 & 1/2			Library Closed for New Year's
1/4	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
1/9	Su	2:00	Music in the Midnight Sun
1/10	Mo	2:30 & 7:30	Feature Film: *Much Ado About Nothing*
1/11	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
1/13	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
1/14	Fr	10:00	New Book Showcase
1/15	Sa	2:00	Barbara Todd on Erma Bombeck
1/16	Su	2:00	Concert: Classical Guitar
1/17	Mo	11:30 2:30 & 7:30	Videos honoring Martin Luther King's Birthday
1/18	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
1/19	We	7:00	Authors & Readers Together: George Roeder
1/23	Su	2:00	Global Carnival
1/25	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
1/26	We	7:00	Living Trusts
1/30	Su	2:00	Concert: Great Lakes Maritime Music

February

2/1	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
2/3	Th	7:00	Asian American Literature
2/5	Sa	11:00 & 2:00	Black History Month Videos
2/6	Su	2:00	*An Evening with Mr. & Mrs. Lincoln*, Dramatic Performance
2/7	Mo	7:00	Global Investments
2/8	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
2/10	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
2/13	Su	2:00	Good Mornin' Blues
2/14	Mo	11:00, 2:30 & 7:30	Feature Film: *Age of Innocence* (132min)
2/15	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
2/19	Sa	11:00 & 2:00	President's Day Videos
2/20	Su	2:00	Music of the Bach Family
2/22	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
2/23	We	7:00	Authors & Readers Together: TBA
2/24	Th	7:00	Launching a Successful Home Business
2/27	Su	2:00	In the Tradition: Slovene and Irish music

Special Events

January

Music in the Midnight Sun, a musical performance of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra and tribal drummers captured on video (54 min.) **Sun. 1/9, 2:00pm**

Feature Film- *Much Ado About Nothing* PG-13 **, Mon. 1/10 2:30 & 7:30pm**

Barbara Todd on Erma Bombeck - a dramatic reading of Erma Bombeck's new book *A Marriage Made in Heaven* , **Sat. 1/15, 2:00pm**

Concert: Classical Guitarist, Brian Tornsian will perform, **Sun. 1/16 2:00pm**

Martin Luther King's Birthday: *Eyes on the Prize: No Easy Walk* (60 min) and *Martin Luther King: The Legacy* (79 min) **Mon. 1/17, 11:30, 2:30 & 7:30**

Authors & Readers Together - George Roeder author of ***The Censored War : American Visual Experience During World War II;*** a visual essay of World War II images, including many previously unpublished photographs from the army's censored files. **Wed. 1/19, 7:00pm**

Harry Belafonte: Global Carnival, a sixty min. video of Belafonte performing calypso songs, **Sun. 1/23, 2:00pm**

Living Trusts: Attorney Chester Przybylo will explain probate, living trusts and guardianship in this free seminar on estate planning, **Wed. 1/26 7:00pm**

Concert: Great Lakes Maritime Musical Repertoire: Lee Murdock brings his folk music to the Library as he performs musical portraits of the stories and songs of the Great Lakes, **Sun. 1/30, 2:00pm**

February

Asian American Literature: Literature surveying the history, religion and philosophy of Asian Americans will be profiled by Gene Moy in the Local History Room, **Thur. 2/3 7:00pm**

Black History Month Videos: *We Shall Overcome: The Song That Moved a Nation*, (58 min) and *Up From Slavery: The Story of Booker T. Washington*, (58 min.) **Sat. 2/5, 11:00am & 2:00pm**

An Evening with Mr. & Mrs. Lincoln: Visit President and Mrs. Lincoln at the White House just before they leave for Ford's Theatre in this dramatic performance by Donna and Max Daniels, **Sun. 2/6 2:00pm**

Global Investments: Claude Czekaj will outline investment opportunities in the complicated new world market. **Mon. 2/7, 7:00pm**

Good Mornin' Blues: Two videos on African and African-American music. *Good Mornin' Blues*, (60 min.) and *Anthology of World Music & Dance: Ivory Coast/ Botswana/ Republic of South Africa* (43 min.) **Sun. 2/13, 2:00pm**

Feature Film: *Age of Innocence,* PG **Mon. 2/14, 11:00, 2:30 & 7:30**

President's Day Videos: Video portraits of American Presidents from Revolutionary times to the 20th century (60 min.) **Sat. 2/19, 11:00 & 2:00**

Music of the Bach Family, Jim Kendros will discuss the lives and music of W.F. Bach, C.P.E. Bach and J.C. Bach and their influence on Mozart, Beethoven, Haydn and Brahms, **Sun. 2/20, 2:00pm**

Authors & Readers Together -To be announced, **Wed. 2/23, 7:00pm**

Launching a Successful Business - From Home: Laura Vaughn of Synchronism Training and Development will offer a free workshop on how to set up and run a business from your home, **Thur. 2/24, 7:00pm**

In the Tradition, two video concerts highlighting the performances of The Chicago Slovene Button Box Club (28 min.) and Pat Cloonan and Johnny McGreevy playing traditional Irish Music (52 min.) **Sun. 2/27, 2:00pm**

Programs

Feature Films

January: *Much Ado About Nothing:* Producer/Director/Star - Kenneth Branagh brings this bawdy Shakespeare play to the screen with the help of his real-life wife Emma Thompson. Denzel Washington, Michael Keaton, and Keanu Reeves round out the cast. **Rated PG-13 Mon. 1/10, 2:30pm & 7:30pm**

February: *The Age of Innocence:* Martin Scorsese directs this film, based on Edith Wharton's Pulitzer Prize winning novel of repressed passion among New York City aristocrats in the 1870's. Daniel Day Lewis, Michelle Pfeiffer and Winona Ryder star. Rated PG (132 min.) **Mon. 2/14, 11:00, 2:30pm & 7:30pm**

Lunch Time Movies

Every Tuesday at 11:30 am the Morton Grove Public Library screens an hour and a half of movies covering a range of interesting topics. Bring your lunch and sit back for our travelogs, documentaries, biographies and nature films.

Baxter Room Art Exhibit

January - Memorabilia from the recently demolished Niles Township High School will be on display. The exhibit includes historical photographs and mementos from the 1930's-1970's, as well as a series of photographs documenting "Final Reflections" as the building was torn down. Special thanks to the Morton Grove Historical Society for assistance in arranging the show.

February - A collection of African-American art, on loan from Special Things Gallery in Evanston, will be showcased in honor of Black History Month.

New Book Showcase

Join us at 10:00am the second Friday of each month for a review of nail-biting mysteries, provocative essays, inspiring biographies and future best sellers. Enjoy the coffee and conversations while we preview the latest Library acquisitions. **Fri., Jan. 14 and Fri., Feb. 11.**

All programs held at the Library are free of charge and open to everyone. For more information, or for mobility and communication access assistance, please call the Library's Program Coordinator at 965-4220.

Inside Writing & Publishing returns in March

This series of free seminars, presented by participating libraries of the North Suburban Library System, is in its eighth year. In March and April the public libraries of Arlington Heights, Des Plaines, Elgin, Morton Grove, Park Ridge and Skokie will host area authors, editors and journalists for an inside look at the writing and publishing industries. The Morton Grove Public Library will feature Martha Powers, a writer of Romance novels; Science Fiction writer and editor, Elizabeth Hull; and Chris Corado, the editor of a new magazine geared to adults over the age of 50. Save Wednesday, March 16 at 7:00pm for Romance, Wednesday, April 20 at 7:00pm for Science Fiction and Saturday March 12, at 2:00pm for mature magazine articles. More information on all of the lectures and locations will be printed in the next issue of the Morton Grove Public Library *focus.*

Kids Programs

The Winter session of children's classes will begin **January 3.** There are still openings in some of the classes

Library Playtime for 2½ Year Olds & Parents
Please choose one of the following:

Thursday	10:30 am
Friday	10:30 am

Class limit – 12 and 12 parents

Stories & Stuff

Grades 1-2 Monday	7:00pm

Class limit – 12

Arts & Crafts

Grades 1-3	Tuesday	4:00 pm
Grades 4-6	Friday	4:00 pm

Class limit – 15

Pre-School Story Hour
Please choose one of the following times for ages 3-Kindergarten:

Monday	1:00 pm
Tuesday	1:00 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am
Thursday	6:45 pm

Class limit – 30

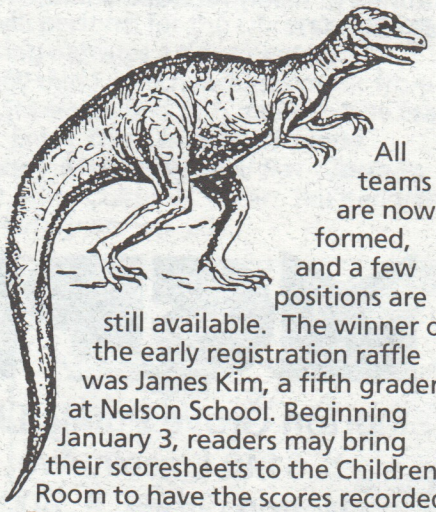
Creative Writing

Grades 2-6	Wed.	4:00 pm
or	Thurs.	4:00 pm

Class limit - 40

Dinosaur Derby

Our dinosaurs are off and running!



All teams are now formed, and a few positions are still available. The winner of the early registration raffle was James Kim, a fifth grader at Nelson School. Beginning January 3, readers may bring their scoresheets to the Children's Room to have the scores recorded. For every 25 points recorded, you may pick a prize from our dinosaur jar. The game will continue until April 29. Bring in your scoresheets. Support your team. Don't let your dinosaurs become extinct!

No New Tax Forms

The Morton Grove Public Library will no longer carry Illinois Department of Revenue and Internal Revenue Service tax forms. Forms can be obtained by calling or visiting the following offices:

Internal Revenue Service
8125 River Dr.
Suite 103
Northgrove Corporate Park
Morton Grove, IL 60053
(800) 829-1040
(River Dr. is off of Lehigh, just north of Oakton.)

Illinois Department of Revenue
9511 West Harrison Ave.
Des Plaines, IL 60016
(312) 814-5232 or
(800) 624-2459

Give a Gift of Yourself

Help another adult improve basic reading, writing, or math skills. The Oakton District Public Library Literacy Coalition has an urgent need for volunteer tutors. If you would like to assist another adult in these areas, please call the Oakton Community College VITA program at 635-1426. For special needs tutoring of mildly retarded adults, call 635-1447.

MGPL to get new computer system

The Morton Grove Public Library, in cooperation with the Skokie, Deerfield and Waukegan public libraries, is reviewing various computer systems for the computer catalog consortium. The Geac system that the consortium has used for the last eight years is becoming increasingly difficult and costly to service and maintain, while software and hardware cannot be enhanced to take advantage of technological advances. The new system will offer increased access to materials, higher speed, and greater reliability. In addition to the convenience of checking the availability of books at each of the member libraries, with the new computer system, patrons will be able to browse magazine indexes at each of our computer catalog terminals. The new computer system will be selected by the end of January and installed sometime this summer.

Non-Resident Cards

Effective January 1, 1994 Illinois State Law restricts the use of non-resident fee cards to use at the library where the non-resident card was purchased. For example, if you live in unincorporated Glenview, an area not served by a public library or public library district, and you purchase a non-resident card from the Morton Grove Public Library, you will only be permitted to use this card at the Morton Grove Public Library. This new arrangement will have no impact on the borrowing privileges of library patrons who are residents of Morton Grove, or any other community with a tax supported public library in Illinois. Anyone with a valid resident library card will continue to be able to borrow items from any public library in the north and northwest suburbs. The new law only affects those people who have purchased a non-resident card from a library not serving the area where they live.

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